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09/982,351

Applicant(s)

GANGJEE, ALEEM

Examiner

Mark L. Berch

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THE REPLY FILED _____ FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

3. ☒ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): 35 USC 102.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See memo.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____

Claim(s) objected to: 38-43 and 54-58.Claim(s) rejected: 22,36,37 and 53.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
10. ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed 2/2/04 under 37 CFR 1.116 in reply to the final rejection has been considered but is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance. The amendment takes care of the art rejection. The traverse on the other rejection is unpersuasive.

Applicants MUST draw out what this substituent looks like. It is not possible to for the examiner to be certain what is intended. As best the examiner can determine, applicants intend a group which is bound via the benzene ring. That is totally inconsistent with the name of the group. The term is "p-aro~~yl~~-glutamate." A group which ends in ...ate is bound via the oxygen of a carboxyl. Thus, for example, consider the acetate group: $\text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}-$. Such a group is bound via its oxygen, not via its stem, the methyl group. If bound by the stem, i.e. $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OH}$, it would not be the acetate group, but the carboxymethyl group. Similarly, benzoate is $\text{PhC}(\text{O})\text{O}-$. It is bound via the oxygen. If it were to be bound by the benzene ring it would not be an ...ate compound but would be the carboxyphenyl group. If applicants intend a group bound by the phenyl, then the substituents must be named accordingly. The name used must be a correct one.


There is a second problem as well. Where does the aro~~yl~~ connect to the rest of the molecule? Applicants give a structure of methotrexate, in which the aro~~yl~~ sits on the N. However, the wording of "p-aro~~yl~~-glutamate" does not specify where the aro~~yl~~ attaches, so that it could attach to one of the three carbons or to the other carboxyl. Thus, it is unclear whether attachment is or is not limited to the N.

Applicants need to present a fresh listing of claims because claims 23-28 were omitted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark L. Berch whose telephone number is 571-272-0663. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:15 - 3:45.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund Shah can be reached on (571)272-0674. If you are unable to reach Dr. Shah within a 24 hour period, please contact James O. Wilson, Acting-SPE of 1624 at 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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